Principal’s Report
A very productive term now ends with the Easter Holidays coming up and, hopefully, a very enjoyable break for all families. Our staff shared many positive stories about the term in Thursday’s staff meeting, and one of things that many of us touched on was the positive collaboration that exists between our parents, families and the staff at the school. Communication between home and school is vital in giving your child the best opportunity to learn and succeed. We make every effort to provide life-long learning opportunities, and when that is backed up at home, it makes for a very positive learning environment for children. Thank you, again, to the community for your support.

PSSA State Swimming
Congratulations to Makayla Patterson, for her efforts in competing at the PSSA State Swimming Championships on Wednesday at the Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre. Makayla participated in the 10 year girls’ 50 metre breaststroke event and came in a very commendable 7th in her race.

Zone Cross Country
Well done to our school representatives who participated in the Zone Cross Country at Cessnock Racecourse on Thursday. Three of our students have made the Zone team to participate in the Regional Cross Country early next term. Thank you to Miss King, who coordinated the group on short notice.

Term 2
Next term is a shorter term, at nine weeks, and it will be jam-packed with events. Please keep up to date with newsletter items and notes that go home, so nothing is missed! Students will return to school on Tuesday, 29th April. Staff will participate in Professional Learning on Monday, 28th April. Our School Learning Support Officers and office staff will be attending a conference on this day. Only minimal support from office staff will be available on this day.

Rugby League
The postponed Rugby League 7-a-side tournament will be held on Thursday, 1st May, which is the first week back. Students will have received a permission note for this. Please ensure it is returned on Wednesday, 30th April, at the latest.
NRMA Science & Road Safety Day  
**Wednesday 7th May**

Our school will be hosting an NRMA Science & Road Safety Day, a new road safety program delivered by NRMA Motoring & Services free of charge to schools across NSW and ACT as part of its commitment to child road safety.

The day looks at road safety from a science perspective so that children can better understand the forces that act on an object (humans) in motion (in cars or on bikes) so that road safety messages such as “Wear your seatbelt” become more relevant.

Our students will be asked to decorate their bike helmets and wear them to school for the assembly at the beginning of the day.

**Parent/Carer Workshop**

Parents/Carers play a vital role in keeping their children safe on the roads and are invited to attend a Parent/Carer workshop at 2.30pm in the school hall. The workshop will be delivered by a science professional who will explain what parents can do to help their children stay safe on their bikes and in cars.

**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop will be CLOSED for the first 2 weeks of term 2, reopening on Monday 12th May. School Hats are available to purchase any day at the School Office for $12.

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**P&C News**

Thank you to everyone for donating to the raffle and/or buying Easter Raffle tickets. Thank you to the volunteers for organising the prizes. First prize this year was donated by Jodie Franks and Darrell Lea at Maitland. Congratulations to all the raffle winners.

P&C are selling entertainment books for $60 each, if you would like to purchase one please see Jodie Ross-Jackson or contact the office.

**Volunteers Needed** - If anyone is able to help with the Mother’s Day Stall and celebration (Term 2 Week 2) please see Jodie Ross-Jackson.

**Canteen Update**

The Canteen will reopen Monday, 5th May (week 2). New flavours of Up'n'Go are now available—Caramel, Banana and Strawberry.

**Netball Umpire Needed**

A netball umpire is needed for a Gala Day next Term. Please see Mrs Knight if you can help.

**Merit Awards**

**Certificate of Merit**: Kendall, Anezka, Issac M, Keleigh, Max S, Reegan, Jaida, Liam B, Jade M, Jayden S.

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Shaun Graham - Principal

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Ice Cream Day (Yum!)